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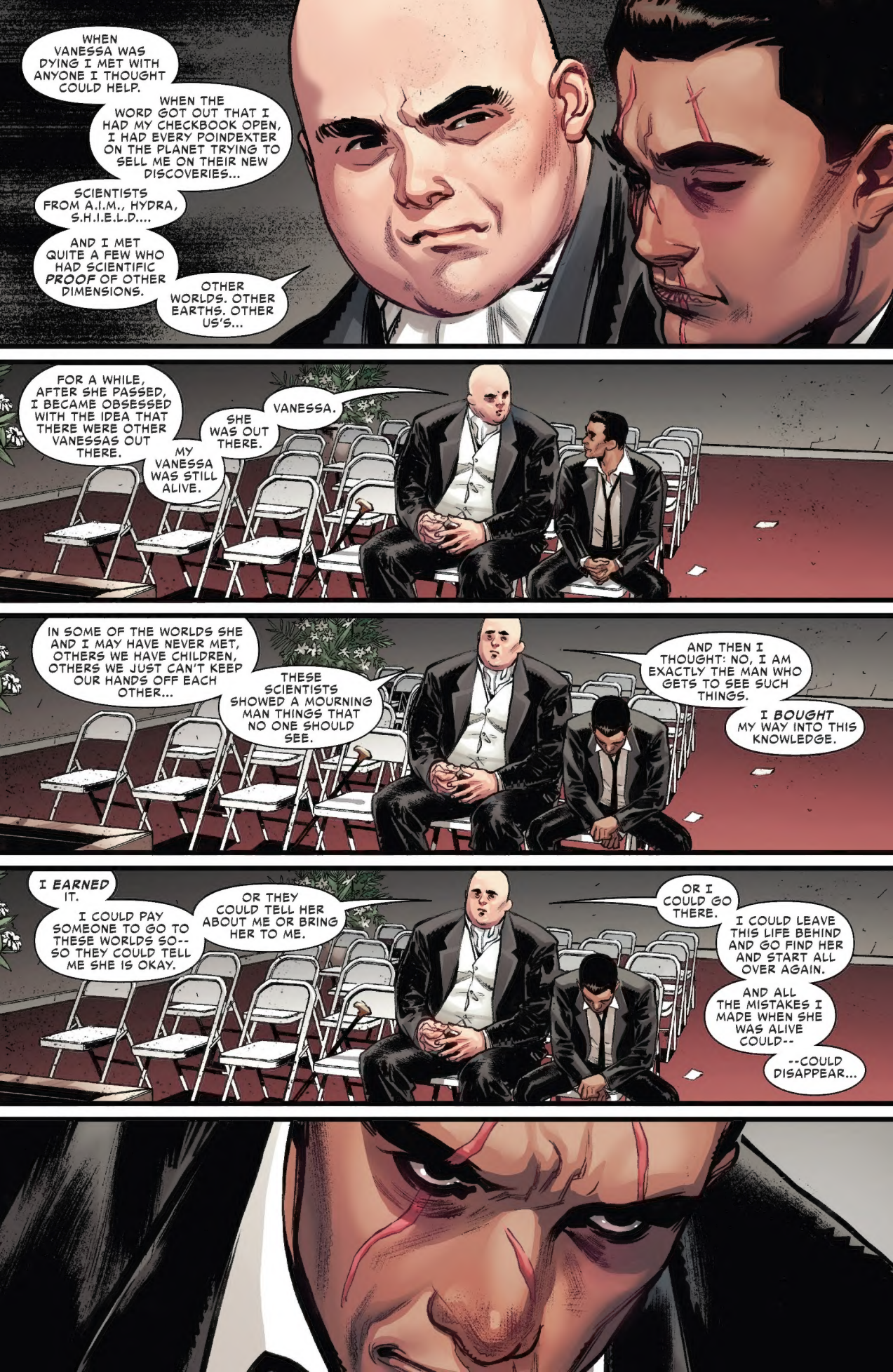
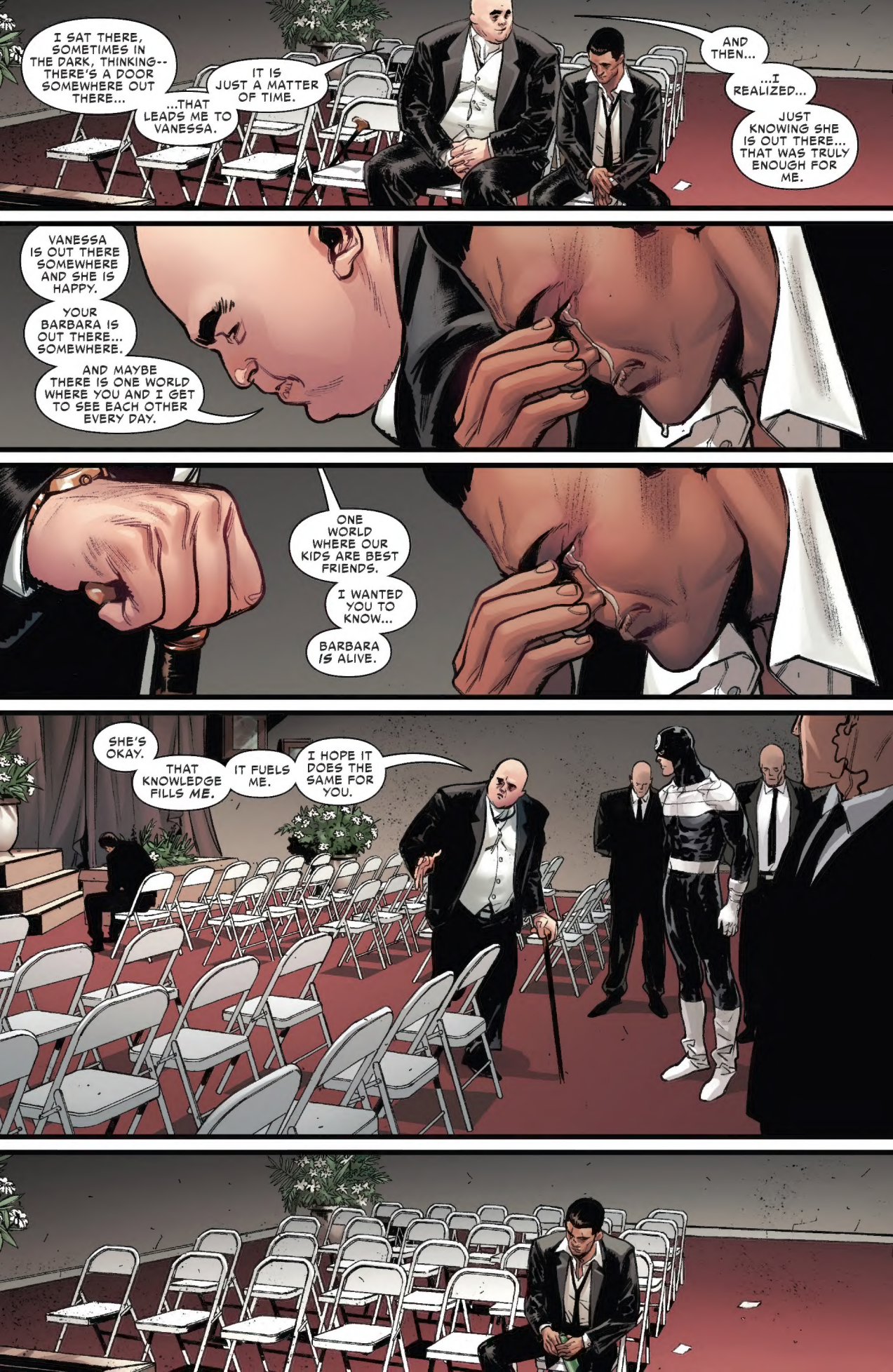
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MANY YEARS AGO.
I AM SO SORRY, MILES.
OH, WILSON.
WHAT ARE-- YOU DID NOT HAVE TO COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.
OF COURSE I DID.
NOW WE BOTH LOST SOMEONE TOO EARLY.
I WISH I KNEW VANESSA BETTER.
SHE LIKED YOU AN AWFUL LOT.
YOU SAID.
BARBARA HATED ME.
PROFOUNDLY.
HEH.
WELL, I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING...


WHEN VANESSA WAS DYING I MET WITH ANYONE I THOUGHT COULD HELP.
WHEN THE WORD GOT OUT THAT I HAD MY CHECKBOOK OPEN, I HAD EVERY POINDEXTER ON THE PLANET TRYING TO SELL ME ON THEIR NEW DISCOVERIES...
SCIENTISTS FROM A.I.M., HYDRA, S.H.I.E.L.D....
AND I MET QUITE A FEW WHO HAD SCIENTIFIC *PROOF* OF OTHER DIMENSIONS.
OTHER WORLDS. OTHER EARTHS. OTHER US'S...
FOR A WHILE, AFTER SHE PASSED, I BECAME OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA THAT THERE WERE OTHER VANESSAS OUT THERE.
MY VANESSA WAS STILL ALIVE.
SHE WAS OUT THERE.
VANESSA.
IN SOME OF THE WORLDS SHE AND I MAY HAVE NEVER MET, OTHERS WE HAVE CHILDREN, OTHERS WE JUST CAN'T KEEP OUR HANDS OFF EACH OTHER...
THESE SCIENTISTS SHOWED A MOURNING MAN THINGS THAT NO ONE SHOULD SEE.
AND THEN I THOUGHT: NO, I AM EXACTLY THE MAN WHO GETS TO SEE SUCH THINGS.
I *BOUGHT* MY WAY INTO THIS KNOWLEDGE.
I *EARNED* IT.
I COULD PAY SOMEONE TO GO TO THESE WORLDS SO-- SO THEY COULD TELL ME SHE IS OKAY.
OR THEY COULD TELL HER ABOUT ME OR BRING HER TO ME.
OR I COULD GO THERE.
I COULD LEAVE THIS LIFE BEHIND AND GO FIND HER AND START ALL OVER AGAIN.
AND ALL THE MISTAKES I MADE WHEN SHE WAS ALIVE COULD--
--COULD DISAPPEAR...


I SAT THERE, SOMETIMES IN THE DARK, THINKING-- THERE'S A DOOR SOMEWHERE OUT THERE...
...THAT LEADS ME TO VANESSA.
IT IS JUST A MATTER OF TIME.
AND THEN...
...I REALIZED...
JUST KNOWING SHE IS OUT THERE... THAT WAS TRULY ENOUGH FOR ME.
VANESSA IS OUT THERE SOMEWHERE AND SHE IS HAPPY.
YOUR BARBARA IS OUT THERE... SOMEWHERE.
AND MAYBE THERE IS ONE WORLD WHERE YOU AND I GET TO SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY.
ONE WORLD WHERE OUR KIDS ARE BEST FRIENDS.
I WANTED YOU TO KNOW...
BARBARA *IS* ALIVE.
SHE'S OKAY.
THAT KNOWLEDGE FILLS *ME.*
IT FUELS ME.
I HOPE IT DOES THE SAME FOR YOU.

WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIMEFIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

IN A DIMENSION VERY MUCH LIKE OURS, MILES MORALES WAS BITTEN BY A STOLEN, GENETICALLY ALTERED SPIDER THAT GRANTED HIM INCREDIBLE ARACHNID-LIKE POWERS. WHEN THAT DIMENSION'S PETER PARKER WAS KILLED BY THE GREEN GOBLIN, MILES CHOSE TO DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO THE LEGACY OF SPIDER-MAN AND BECAME...

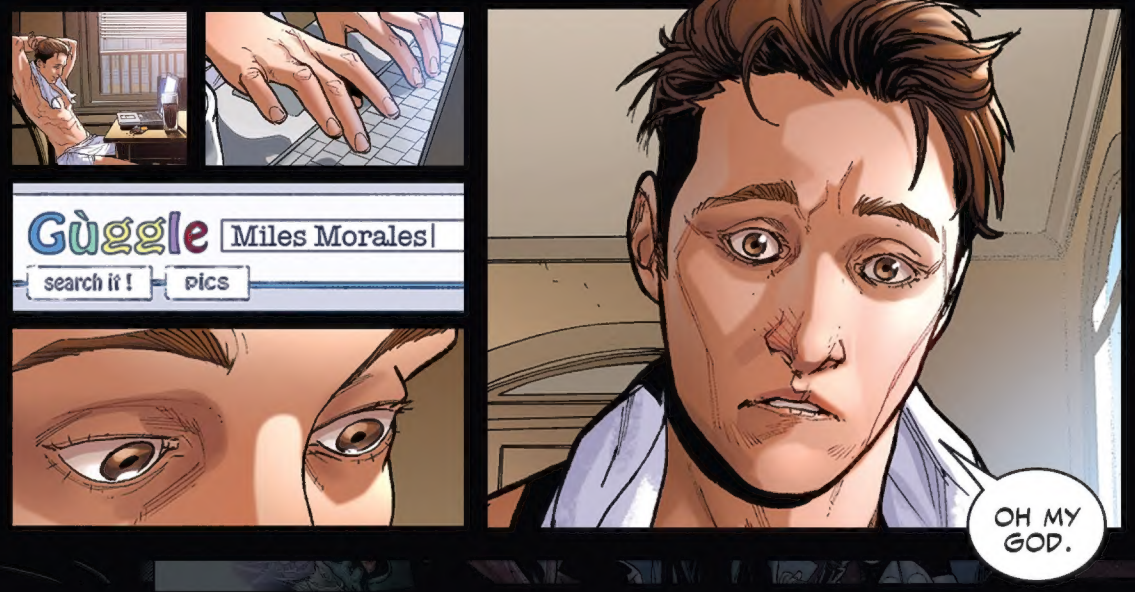
SPIDER-MAN

SPIDER-MEN II

PART FOUR

THE SPIDER-MEN FIRST MET WHEN A VILLAIN BROKE THROUGH THE WALL BETWEEN THEIR DIMENSIONS. AT THE TIME, PETER SEARCHED FOR A MILES MORALES IN HIS WORLD, AND WAS SHOCKED TO FIND NOTHING REMARKABLE. SINCE THEN, MILES AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE HE LOVES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO PETER'S UNIVERSE, WHERE HE'S CONTINUED FIGHTING CRIME AS SPIDER-MAN, WITH PETER'S BLESSING.

A DIMENSIONAL RIFT REAPPEARED, DROPPING GIANT ROBOT PARTS ACROSS THE CITY. IT'S CONNECTED TO THE MERCENARY TASKMASTER, WHO IS TAKING ORDERS FROM THE ORIGINAL MILES MORALES OF THIS UNIVERSE--A MAN WHO DISAPPEARED FROM ALL RECORDS WHEN HIS BEST FRIEND--THE FORMER KINGPIN, WILSON FISK--HELPED MILES ESCAPE A LIFE OF CRIME TO MARRY HIS SOULMATE, BARBARA SANCHEZ. SPIDER-MILES KNOWS THIS OTHER MILES EXISTS, AND FEELS COMPELLED TO LEARN MORE...



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BROOKLYN VISIONS ACADEMY.

SOMEONE HAS TO SIGN THIS OR WE CAN'T TAKE THE ROBOT HEAD OUT OF HERE!

AND I TOLD YOU *I'M NOT SIGNING SOMETHING* UNTIL I *READ IT.*

I'M GOING TO PUT THE *GIANT ROBOT HEAD RIGHT BACK WHERE I FOUND IT!*

GREAT! I'LL CALL THE PRESS CONFERENCE!

I LOVE HER.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS *HEAD'S* JUST BEEN SITTING HERE ALL DAY AND NIGHT.

NO MORE S.H.I.E.L.D.

NO ONE KNEW WHO TO CALL.

WE'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH ON THIS ANYHOW.

IT'S NOT A CONSPIRACY, JUDGE.

A ROBOT HEAD CRASHED ONTO SCHOOL PROPERTY.

BUT WHOSE HEAD, GANKE?

THE *ROBOT'S.*

NO, WHO MADE THE ROBOT?

WHERE DID IT *COME FROM?*

WHY WASN'T THIS ON THE NEWS?

YOU OKAY, MILES?

YEAH, BARBARA, SURE.

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT--

THANK YOU, BY THE WAY.

FOR WHAT?

FOR *WHAT?*

MILES, COME ON, YOU SAVED MY LIFE.

OH, NO. THAT WAS JUST--

YOU PULLED ME OUT OF THE WAY OF *THAT* FLAMING ROBOT WRECKAGE.

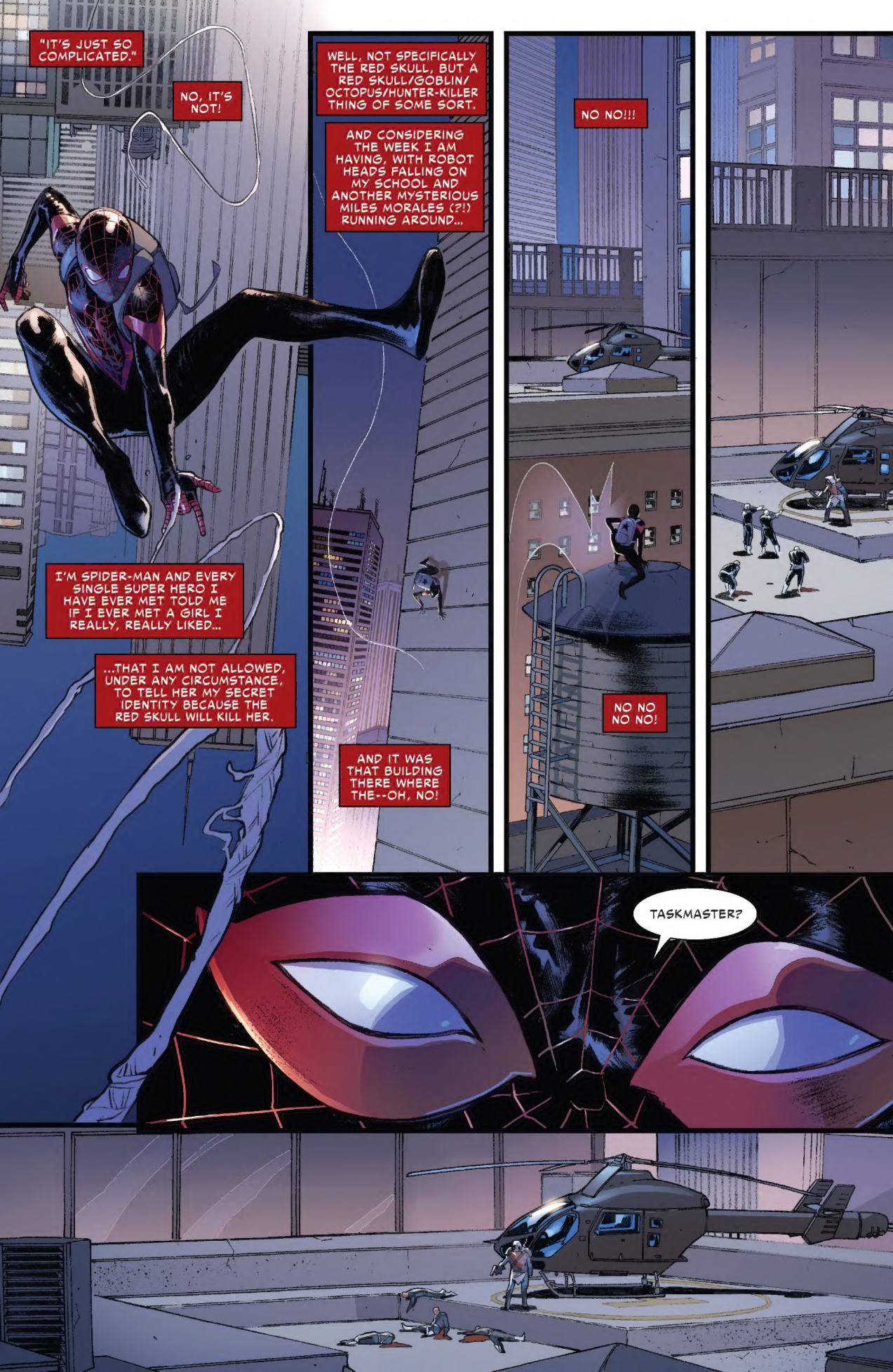
OH, UH, YOU WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME.

MAYBE.

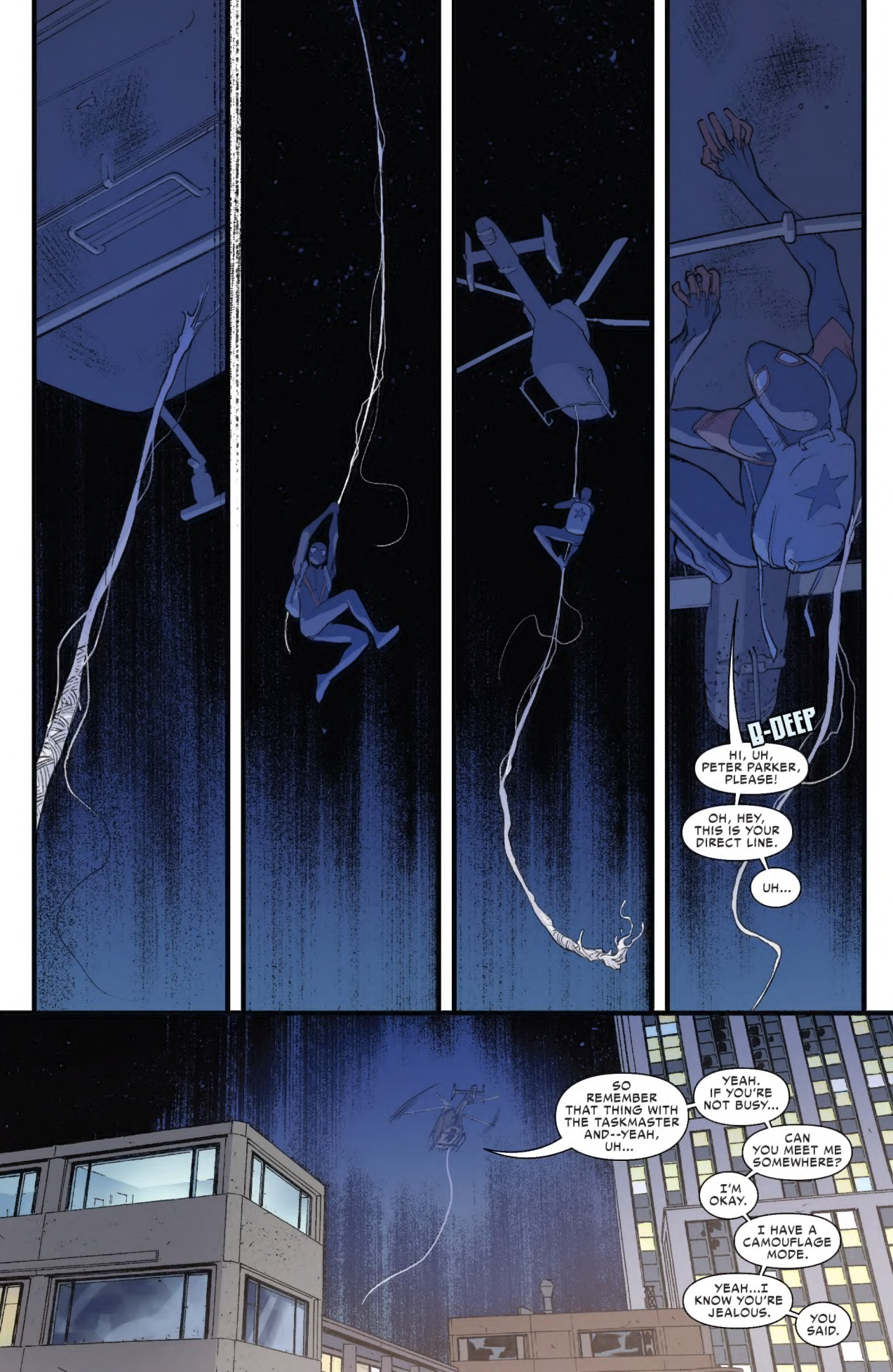
BUT YOU *DID.*

WHAT *ARE* YOU?

I DON'T CARE.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT...
MUTANT, INHUMAN, OTHER, ALL OF THE ABOVE... I DO NOT CARE.
BUT YOU BEING YOU, WHATEVER YOU ARE, YOU SAVED ME.
SO THANKS.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL ME, NO PROBLEM.
(BUT IF YOU DO WANT TO TELL ME, I AM DYING TO KNOW.)
HEY, MILES! AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO MEET YOUR MOM AT THE DENTIST?
OH YEAH, I GOTTA GO.
OH, OKAY.
IT'S COMPLICATED.
LET ME THINK ABOUT HOW TO ANSWER.
OH, OKAY.
I WOULD NEVER DISRESPECT YOU. IT'S JUST SO COMPLICATED-- OKAY?


"IT'S JUST SO COMPLICATED."
NO, IT'S NOT!
I'M SPIDER-MAN AND EVERY SINGLE SUPER HERO I HAVE EVER MET TOLD ME IF I EVER MET A GIRL I REALLY, REALLY LIKED...
...THAT I AM NOT ALLOWED, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, TO TELL HER MY SECRET IDENTITY BECAUSE THE RED SKULL WILL KILL HER.
WELL, NOT SPECIFICALLY THE RED SKULL, BUT A RED SKULL/GOBLIN/ OCTOPUS/HUNTER-KILLER THING OF SOME SORT.
AND CONSIDERING THE WEEK I AM HAVING, WITH ROBOT HEADS FALLING ON MY SCHOOL AND ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS MILES MORALES (?!) RUNNING AROUND...
AND IT WAS THAT BUILDING THERE WHERE THE--OH, NO!
NO NO!!!
NO NO NO NO!
TASKMASTER?

THWIP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HI, UH, PETER PARKER, PLEASE!
OH, HEY, THIS IS YOUR DIRECT LINE.
UH...
SO REMEMBER THAT THING WITH THE TASKMASTER AND--YEAH, UH...
YEAH. IF YOU'RE NOT BUSY...
CAN YOU MEET ME SOMEWHERE?
I'M OKAY.
I HAVE A CAMOUFLAGE MODE.
YEAH...I KNOW YOU'RE JEALOUS.
YOU SAID.

ANYTHING YET?
JEEZ!
YOU SCARED ME.
YOU CALLED ME.
STILL.
HEY, THERE'S A BAD GUY.
I THINK TASKMASTER'S WAITING FOR... HIM.
FOR...?
OH, YOU THINK HE'S WAITING FOR MILES MORALES.
OH, OKAY.
LISTEN, JUST--JUST BE PREPARED.
FOR?
ANYTHING.
BUT BASICALLY, Y'KNOW, DISAPPOINTMENT.

UH, OKAY...
BE PREPARED FOR IT *MAYBE* NOT BEING WHATEVER IT IS YOU THINK YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HERE.
MAYBE-- JUST MAYBE-- IT'S JUST A GUY WITH THE SAME NAME AS YOU.
MAYBE THERE'S NO BIG "CONNECTION."
MAYBE IT'S JUST A BIG OLD... COINKYDINK.
BUT... WHAT WE'VE SEEN...WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH.
THE ENTIRE REALITY THAT I CAME FROM DOESN'T *EXIST* ANYMORE!
AND--AND YOU AND I, AND A COUPLE OTHER PEOPLE, ARE, LIKE, *THE ONLY PEOPLE* THAT *KNOW* THIS...
AND THEN I HEAR HIS NAME?
I GET IT.
WHEN I FIRST MET *YOU*, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING INSANE...
OH, AND THE FIRST TIME I WAS CLONED!
(EVEN THE WORDS, "FIRST TIME I WAS CLONED!")
AND I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF ALL THE CRAZY IN OUR LIVES THAT WE'RE CONDITIONED TO EXPECT SOME COSMIC CLONE CRAZY AROUND EVERY CREEPY CORNER!
AND AWESOME ALLITERATION ASIDE, I THINK WE ALL CAN FLY OFF THE HANDLE SOMETIMES, AND I--AND I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU TO WATCH OUT FOR--
YOU THINK I AM FLYING OFF THE HANDLE?
DUDE! THE HANDLE IS WAY BACK IN NEW YORK.
YOU DON'T GET HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS?

HEY! I'M HERE. I'M HELPING!
MY LIFE IS A HOT GARBAGE FIRE AND I AM HERE.
BUT YOU'RE CHASING ANSWERS TO A QUESTION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR PLACE IN THE MULTIVERSE, OR WHATEVER, THAT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO BE ANSWERED ON-- ON OUR LEVEL.
THIS IS ALL--IT'S JUST A REMINDER THAT WE REALLY HAVE NO REAL CONTROL...
THIS IS NOT MAKING ME FEEL BETTER...
HEY! WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OURSELVES IN THE FACE OF WHATEVER THE UNIVERSE, OR UNIVERSES, THROWS AT US.
NO MATTER WHAT...
NOTHING CHANGES THAT.
MY BIG POINT IS, IN EVERY MOMENT... WE HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER.
AND OUR POWER?
HEY! THAT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING MY UNCLE USED TO SAY...
NO WAY!
CRAZY! RIGHT?
IT IS YOUR ANSWER FOR EVERYTHING.
BECAUSE IT IS THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING.
BUT...
I THINK SOMEONE IS--
YEAH, MOST PEOPLE WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT WE'VE SEEN AND WHAT WE'VE DONE...
AND MOST PEOPLE WOULD FREAK OUT JUST FROM HEARING ABOUT IT...
HOW FAR WE'VE BEEN, I DON'T KNOW, TESTED.
BUT WE CAN'T COMPLAIN, WE CHOSE THIS.
AND LOOK AT ALL THE COOL FRINGE BENEFITS...
STUCK OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT IN OUR PAJAMAS--
UH, DUDE, I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU--I THINK THIS IS IT.
I THINK HE'S HERE.

I AM NOT GETTING ON THAT PLANE.
YOU MADE THAT QUITE CLEAR, MISTER TASKMASTER.
BUT THE FEELING IS...
FOR WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN PAID, AND THE LITTLE YOU HAVE TO SHOW FOR IT SO FAR...
...YOUR OPINION ON THIS MATTER IS BESIDE THE POINT.
PLEASE STEP ON BOARD, SIR.
WE'LL HAVE THIS MEETING IN THE AIR.
AND I'LL GET A CHANCE TO CHANGE OUT OF THIS DRESS.
NO!
(HOLD ON...)

SPIDER--

SEN--

OW.

SMACK

WE'RE TAKING OFF!

NO!

MISTER MORALES!

STAY HERE.

AND THERE YOU GO.

THEY FOLLOWED YOU.

I WAS READY FOR IT.

THIS IS THE ONE THAT WAS ASKING ABOUT YOU SO FEVERISHLY.

SAY THE WORD.

WHO *IS* HE?

NO WALLET...
JUST SPIDER-POWERS.
SO AS FAR AS WE CARE... SPIDER-MAN.
NO.
NO?
THIS IS THE TRAP WILSON ALWAYS FALLS INTO.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THIS.
THIS IS...NO.
BUT--
MY DIME!
TIE THEM UP, GET ON THE PLANE, AND SHOW ME WHAT YOU FOUND...
BUT, SIR--
IF YOU LEAVE THEM, THEY--
MY DIME!

UGH...
@#!@!
NNNOMOREWHEATCAKES...
WAKE UP! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
UGH! MY MASK IS OFF!
AND YOU'RE TIED UP UPSIDE DOWN.
MAN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT US HERE THIS FAST.
MAN, YOU HAVE *SOME* NERVE!
ME?
I HAVE SOME NERVE?!
YOU HAVE SOME NERVE FOR SAYING THAT I HAVE SOME NERVE!
THEY'RE *GETTING* AWAY!

WHAT DID YOU FIND?
IT'S THERE.
AN ENTIRE DIFFERENT DIMENSION.
IT LOOKS AND SMELLS JUST LIKE OURS.
IT'S NEW YORK. IT IS US. IT'S JUST--IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE... IT'S JUST NOT.
THE TRAVEL PROCESS IS A BIT TO TAKE, BUT... I CAN GET YOU--
IS SHE THERE?
IS MY BARBARA THERE?
THERE IS A BARBARA SANCHEZ.
YES.
MY BARBARA?!
AND I CAN TAKE YOU TO HER.
PILOT.
AN ENTIRE NEW UNIVERSE.
TAKE ME THERE.
RIGHT NOW.
I HAVE TO SEE IT FOR MYSELF.
I HAVE TO SEE HER.
TO BE CONCLUDED...

SPIDER-MEN II

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